

GENERAL NEWS.

The execution of Minnesota Indian murderers was to take place yesterday. Col. Miller of the 7th Minnesota regiment, who was in charge at Mankato, in an order, says that the President enjoins that none of the prisoners be allowed to escape, and that they be protected for future disposition by the government.

A fire, involving a loss of about sixty-five thousand dollars, occurred on Christmas morning in New York. It broke out in the extensive cracker bakery of Knap & Worthen, No. 175 Washington street.

An investigation in progress at Washington has developed extensive frauds in payments made under the twenty million loan for recruiting, organizing and drilling volunteers.

The U. S. steamer Alabama, is ready to sail from the navy yard at Charlestown. She is going to cruise among the Southern waters, and may possibly meet her namesake. She carries eight guns and a large crew.

It is said that the great naval expedition of Rear Admiral Porter is attracting much attention in military circles. Several hundred sailors and others are to be sent West for immediate service.

It is stated upon the authority of persons who are believed to be reliable that numbers of men who were drafted into the Maryland militia are going over into Virginia.

A vessel just arrived in New York spoke, December 15, latitude 41 degrees, longitude 54 degrees 15 minutes, the U. S. steamer Vanderbilt, steering east. This is the vessel which started in search of the steamer Alabama.

Many members of the Georgia House of Representatives are shod with dog skin leather.

The National Intelligencer says:—"The Christmas Dinners given at the several hospitals on Thursday, through the generous exertions of Mrs. Caleb B. Smith, assisted by her numerous friends, were bountifully supplied with good things, and gave satisfaction, generally, to the guests. We regret to hear, however, that the contributions will not meet the expenses by some nine hundred dollars. This deficiency, we learn, grows out of some large promises which were not fulfilled."

Twenty-six additional paymasters have recently been appointed, and, by direction of the President, twelve dismissed for various reasons.

At an election held in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on Monday, the entire Democratic ticket was elected. The Democratic Selectmen had two hundred and thirty-seven majority. Last spring the majority was between two and three hundred for the Republicans.

Some of the planters on the south side of the Rappahannock are sending their slaves South.

A skirmish occurred on the Blackwater river, Va., on Wednesday. The fight took place near Franklin, the Confederate pickets being driven in, but were subsequently reinforced and the Federal force retired in safety.

The Richmond papers estimate the damage to Fredericksburg by the late bombardment at seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The Baltimore American says, "If the new Monitors are indeed the formidable craft which, by the eulogists of the Navy Department, they are said to be, why in the name of all that is pressing in our affairs are they not pounding away at Fort Darling?"

NEW AND SIMPLIFIED METHOD FOR PIANO FORTE AND SINGING.—**PROF. ALEXANDER WOLOWSKI, PIANIST, VOCALIST, AND COMPOSER**, has opened Ladies' and Gentlemen's afternoon (4 o'clock P. M.) Singing Classes, on the most liberal terms. Prof. Wolowski will also explain the full theory of music and reading by his system.

By Prof. Wolowski's new method a person having only a slight knowledge of music will be enabled, in a very short time, to read music with great facility, and execute operatic as well as classified music with rare perfection.

As to the vocal part, by his way of vocalization, he arrives at most extraordinary results, renders the voice powerful and enables the singer to vocalize with facility, accuracy, and fine quality of tone.

Subscribers for Singing Classes or Private Piano and Singing lessons can leave their names at the Bookstore of Mr. L. B. Stone, No. 104 King street, or Professor's residence 451 10th st. Washington, D. C. dec 16—1m

WAS COMMITTED to the jail of Prince George's county, Maryland, as a runaway negro boy, who calls himself **JAMES MARS**. He is not very black, about five feet high, says he belongs to Mr. James Beckam, of Culpeper county, Va. No noticeable marks—had on a soldier's jacket. He is about 10 years old. The said negro was committed to the jail of Prince George county, Maryland, as a runaway. The owner (if any) of the above described negro is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away—otherwise he will be disposed of according to the Act of Assembly, in such case made and provided.

PETER G. GRIMES, Sheriff of Prince George's county, Md.

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COMMISSION BUSINESS.—The undersigned having rented the counting-room of Messrs. Robert H. Miller, Son & Co., on King street, No. 67, is prepared to sell all kinds of goods or produce consigned to him. He will also attend to the collection of rents and other claims, charging the usual commission. Shop keepers and others can be supplied with **Crockery and Glass Ware**, at wholesale or retail, upon favorable terms, having secured an adequate supply, and a well assorted stock.

dec 15—law4w **ROBT. CRUPPER.**

WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA.—The steamer **YOUNG AMERICA** will run regularly between Alexandria and Washington.

Fare, 25 cents. nov 12—tf **CAPT. E. S. TALBOT.**

ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON.—The steamer **THOMAS COLLYER**, Captain Samuel Gedney, will leave the wharf at the foot of King street, Alexandria, regularly.

Fare, 25 cents. my 26—tf **SAM'L GEDNEY, Captain.**

CENTRE MARKET,
179 KING STREET,

BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND COLUMBUS.

THE undersigned take this method of informing the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity that they have opened the above stand, which is both commodious and centrally located, where they are prepared to furnish their customers with

ALL KINDS OF MEATS,

including Fish, Poultry, Game, and all kinds of Vegetables in their season. We invite the patronage of the citizens of Alexandria and the public generally.

Purchases delivered to any part of the city, free of charge. **HYATT & CO.,** Proprietors. dec 20—1w

Subscriptions and Advertisements for the Alexandria Gazette received at Mr. Geo. Bryan's counting-room, No. 24 Royal street, south of King, where any business connected with the office will be transacted by **EDGAR SNOWDEN, SR.** nov 20—1m

NEW BUCKWHEAT AND POULTRY.—I have just received, per express, 20 dozen fine Chickens; 2000 lbs. Harford county Buckwheat, which will be closed out at lowest rates. **L. N. HOWARD,** No. 175 King street. dec 12

LADIES' DRESS FURS.—Just opened, an extensive and well-assorted stock of **LADIES' and CHILDREN'S DRESS and FANCY FURS**, made expressly for our retail trade, by our house in New York, and warranted to be the best in this market.

We especially call the attention of purchasers to our **Russian Sable, Martin, Fitch, Mink, Siberian Squirrel, and American and Canadian Furs**, consisting in Ladies' and Children's Tippets, Capes, Mantles, new style of Fur Collars, and Gentlemen's Mufflers.

We defy all competition in this line.

At the same time we bring in remembrance our stock of **Ladies' Cloaks and Mantles, Dress Goods**, and general stock of **DRY GOODS**, which is daily increased with the newest and choicest patterns of fashion.

Furs from the country will be bought, both for export and manufacturing, at the highest market prices.

Remember, 48 Market Space, near Seventh street, under the Avenue House, Washington, D. C. **S. & W. MEYENBERG.** Washington, nov 19—3m

STUDIO OF DECORATIVE ART.

G. W. KIRBYE

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity that he has taken rooms at No. 194 King street, above Washington street, where he is prepared to execute

ALL KINDS OF PAINTING,

and especially

Ornamental and Decorative Work.

Also—Fancy and Business Card Writing, Sign Painting, Graining, Gilding, Glazing, and, in short, everything appertaining to the art, will be done with neatness and dispatch, at reasonable rates.

Please give me a call, and examine specimens of work.

Office hours from 8 to 10 A. M., and from 1 to 6 P. M.

nov 14—tf

G. W. KIRBYE.

C. C. BRADLEY,

Cabinet, Chair and Sofa Manufactory,

CORNER KING AND ALFRED STREETS,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

HAS constantly on hand, and offers to the public, an excellent assortment of **CABINET WARE, SOFAS and CHAIRS** of every variety, and on the lowest cash terms, which, for durability and finish, cannot be surpassed. my 16—tf

CORN MEAL AND HORSE FEED.—The subscribers, having rented the mill lately occupied by Meade & Marye, on Union street, No. 49, are now grinding

CORN MEAL AND HORSE FEED,

which will be sold, in quantities to suit purchasers, at the lowest market price.

nov 17—3m **DELAHAY & BROWN.**

F. G. SWAINE & CO.

HAVE just received a full and choice supply of **Family Groceries**, to which they invite the attention of their friends and the public generally. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.

No. 26 North Royal street, opposite the Market. nov 8

JOHN T. COOKE,

CHEAP FAMILY GROCER.

CORNER PITT AND PRINCE STREETS,

HAS constantly on hand, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Mackrel, in barrels, half barrels, and kits; Salmon, Potomac Herring, Smoked Halibut, Smoked Herring, and Smoked Beef. Also, a choice brand of Sugar Cured Hams, for family use; Shoulders and Breasts, and a general assortment of goods for family supplies. Call and examine. dec 2

FURS! FURS!! FURS!!!—Just received, a large and well-assorted stock of **LADY'S FURS**, which will be sold low for cash. Ladies Capes and Muffs made and repaired at the shortest notice.

Also, a large assortment of Gentlemen's **SOFT HATS, CAPS, &c.**, constantly on hand.

JOHN T. EVANS,

dec 1—1m

No. 80 King street.

BAILEY HOUSE,

WESTON, LEWIS COUNTY, VA.,

M. BAILEY, Proprietor.

AUG. B. SMITH, Superintendent.

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